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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence  
*68-7851*

VIA: Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT: Chinese Communist Publication Received  
from Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

1. This memorandum recommends action as indicated in paragraph 3.
2. Attached is a letter giving our comments on the Chinese Communist publication, "The Great Ten Years (Statistics of Economic and Cultural Achievement)", that was sent you recently by Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.
3. We recommend that the attached letter be signed and forwarded to Mr. J. Edgar Hoover.

Signed Desmond Fitzgerald

Desmond Fitzgerald  
Chief, Far East Division

1 Attachment

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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Edgar:

My specialists have translated and reviewed "The Great Ten Years (Statistics of Economic and Cultural Achievement)", the Chinese Communist publication you sent me recently. They have found that much of the data in this book is new and fills important gaps in our information on the development of Chinese Communist economy. The statistics in this book also provide some absolute figures on production in Communist China; these figures will help us interpret more accurately much other information previously available to us. For these reasons the book is most valuable.

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Your sending us the publication has enabled us to make the translation available to the intelligence community much more quickly than would have been possible otherwise.

I hope you will forward to me any similar materials you collect in the future, since the Chinese Communists are now greatly restricting the number of Chinese language publications sent out of China, and we find it increasingly difficult to get these publications through regular procurement channels.

Sincerely,

  
SIGNED

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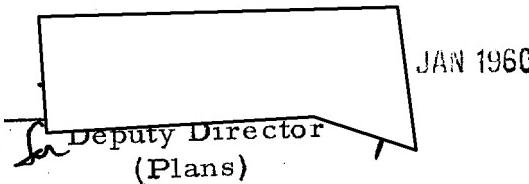
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Mr. Dulles:

As you recall, you wanted to know if there were any comments on this book which you should pass along to Mr. Hoover.

The attached letter to Mr. Hoover which was prepared by the FE Division gives our comments on the Chinese Communist publication. The book primarily contains tables of increases in various fields of production such as oil, coal, gas, steel, etc. This will be extremely helpful to ORR in the preparation of estimates, since the publication contains a summary of most of Red China's claims in the economic field. For your information, I am attaching a copy of your 16 December letter thanking Mr. Hoover for this book.

AAB  
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